tourisrr potential of the region. Tezpur-Sejuse (Pukiui) —Bhalukpung-TIPI-Tezpur circuit was opened vide Minis; Home Affairs circular dated 18-1-1993.

Mists<; Tif aircrafts of Ministries and Department

285 SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: PROF; VIJAY KUMAR MAI.HOTRA:

Will tits Minister of CIVIL AVIATION '-Nf> TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether ii is a fact that different Ministrie- and Departments P.S.Es under them in Government have air-crafts i leu disposal for various offi cial purposes, if so, what are the parti culars thereof in each case;

(b) whether there is any monitoring arrangement to see that these aircrafts are used strictly and onlv for the official purpose and not for any other purpose, if so, what are the details in and to what extent these are being followed;

(c) whether Government's attention have Ik..;/, drawn to a report that appeared in the Indian Express, Bombay of 2.9. 994 about unauthorised persons c« an aircrafts which crashed resulting in the death of all the occupants and whether this aircraft was given by UNDP i *!* the Environment and Forests Ministry . ;i fire fighting operations, if so. v-are the facts in this regard:

(d) whether Government's attention have :il... been drawn to the fact that in a liiar situation in the United cials of the White House were serverely reprimanded for using a White House aircrafts for non-official purpose and made to reimburse the full cost to Government; and

hat is Government's attitude in this regard.

MINISTER OF CIVTI. AVTA- TtON AND TOURISM 'SHRI GHU- 1 AM NAB1 AZAD): (a) to *(e)* The in- is being collected and will be place'! ■ ■ ihe Table of Sabha.

I Incidents of VVIP Aircrafts develop, ing Snags

2S6. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of CIVIL, AVIATION AND TOURISM be place during 1993 and 1994:

(a) the number of incidents of WIp Aircrafts developing snags has taken. place during 1993 and 1994;

' whether such incidents are on increase;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) the steps taken to investigate the matter; and

(e) the facts revealed by such investigations incidents-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHU-LAM NABI AZAD): (a) There were two instances of snags reported or VVIP charter operations by Air India during the year 1994. There was no sucn incident in 1993.

(b) No. Sir.

to (e) The details are as follows:—

(i) Air India B-747 aircraft VT-EGC while operating extra section flight AI-1 from Washington to Paris on 20-5-94 with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India on board, had developed snags due to shattering of cockpit wind shield. The aircraft made a safe lading at Paris. Investigation by a Committee of Inquiry into the incident revealed that shattering of outer pane of aircraft L 1 window was due to electric arcing between wind shield layers which occurred due to moisture ingress through cracks in the wind shield's weather seal.

(ii) Air India B-747 aircraft VT-EFU operating WIP flight from Delhi to Beijing on '21.10.94 with Hon'ble Vice